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) **RESPONSE TO**  
) **OFFICE ACTION**

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) Examiner: Peter A. Hruskoci

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Invention: **DEXTRAN STARCH AND FLOCCULANT COMBINATION FOR IMPROVING RED MUD CLARIFICATION**

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[ X ] **APPLICANTS herewith petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003, for one month from September 26, 2003 to October 26, 2003.** Please charge our deposit account **No. 14-0105** in the amount of **\$110.00** to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 26, 2003, Applicants request that the Examiner consider these Remarks.